Subject No. 103.

Additional storage of water by temporary turf bunds.

Summary of discussion.—A circular has been issued to the effect that additional water may be stored by putting up in November temporary turf bunds on the waste weirs of tanks and anikats brought up to standard of safety. The restriction that the bunds should be constructed in November should be removed and the raiyats permitted to put up turf bunds when the Kodi is discharging. By November, rains will have ceased and no storage can be effected.

Dewan's reply.—The rule should be that these turf bunds shall be put up at the end of the rainy reason. The last rainy month should be fixed separately for each Taluk.

Subject No. 104.

Pay of temple Archaks.

Summary of discussion.—Archaks (worshippers) and other temple servants are now ill-paid, their salaries having been fixed very many years ago. Their pay should not be less than Rs. 5 in any case.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present.

Subject No. 105.

District jungles for Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(A) Hebbe and Muttodi Forests are assigned for timber required for houses, cattle sheds, &c., on payment of favorable seigniorage by raiyats. The raiyats of Tarikere are put to great hardship by this arrangement as these forests are 40 miles away and are not connected by road. Licenses should be granted to cut timber in the forests of this Taluk itself. Several convenient forests which were District Forests about 10 years ago have since been either added to State Forests or have been converted into Fuel Reserves or given out for coffee cultivation, so that there are no convenient District Forests in the Taluk. It is therefore requested that the forests of Biranahalli, Haruvanahalli and Kundur, which were two or three years ago Amrut Mahal jungles and are now included in the State Forests, may be set apart as District Forests.

The Dewan observed that the raiyats concerned can have the *mamul* jungles assigned to them. But if they abuse their privileges and denude these forests they cannot have others.

The R. M. represented that the *mamul* jungles used to be worked by raiyats of more than one Taluk and were thus denuded. If they had been assigned to one Taluk only they should have been better taken care of.

Dewan's reply.—A small tract shall be assigned for the Tarikere Taluk only, and the raiyats of that Taluk should make a judicious use of it.

Summary of discussion.—(B) The raiyats are prohibited from cutting timber required for agricultural implements in the forests attached to other villages. There are about 200 villages which have no forests attached to them. The raiyats in the latter villages are put to great inconvenience on this account. District Forests of Sasivehalli, Hadikere and Haruvanahalli, Biranahalli, &c., should be assigned for this purpose.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the forests named could not be assigned as proposed because they

required nursing. About 20 square miles of jungle have still been left for the villagers and the question is whether or not this is sufficient.

The speaker urged that these 20 square miles were mostly scrub jungle of little value.

Dewan's reply.—A case is not made out. Prove that what is left is not sufficient and show what villages have been altogether deprived of jungles which they previously had. Represent by petition to Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 106.

Green wood for agricultural purposes.

Summary of discussion.—If green wood is cut the raiyats are prosecuted and punished. As Tarikere is almost Malnad this rule operates as a hardship. The raiyats should be permitted to cut green wood for agricultural purposes.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that some restrictions must be put as otherwise all the green wood in the country would be used up for supari boiling.]

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable. The existing rules require no modification. (See Notification No. 9837—R. F. 226-92, dated 19th December 1892.)

Subject No. 107.

Fuel licenses to traders.

Summary of discussion.—The traders in fuel had to obtain a pass from the Forest Watcher which was convenient. The present rule which requires license to be obtained from the Amildar is very inconvenient owing to the delay it entails. It is requested that the old practice may be continued.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that the present practice was working well and called for no alteration.]

Dewan's reply.—No alteration of present rules is required. They facilitate raiyats' supplies. But the good of the raiyat and the convenience of the trader are opposed to each other. Excessive facilities to the trader in fuel would be the means of denuding jungles and are therefore undesirable.

Subject No. 108.

Someswara Temple at Sompur.

Summary of discussion.—The temple of Someswaradevaru at Sompur is in disrepair. The Inam lands of the temple have been resumed by Government. It is prayed that the temple may be restored out of funds which have accrued to Government from the resumed Inams.

Dewan's reply.—We have made an allotment for repairs of important temples and what is possible within this allotment will be done. The individual case mentioned awaits local contribution which is required as a proof that the public are really interested in the institution.

Subject No. 109.

Tarikere Town Water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—Some project for supplying Tarikere Town with good drinking water should be undertaken. The Nagannana amikat proposed by the Representative Member for the Tarikere Taluk would help this very much.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in the P. W. D.

Subject No. 110.

Sale of Receipt Stamps.

Summary of discussion.—Date of sale should be endorsed on Receipt Stamps by vendors to prevent forgeries.

Dewan's reply.—Not likely to serve any useful purpose.